

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread (LP017908)

DiCamillo, Kate.

Despereaux, a small mouse, is condemned to the dungeon for falling in love with human Princess Pea. Despereaux meets the rat, Roscuro, while Mig, an upstairs serving girl, wishes to be a princess, too. All four meet with near disastrous results. For grades 3-6. 2003.

No Talking (LP017036)

Clements, Andrew.

Dave's experiment to remain silent all day fails when he yells at Lynsey. His claim that girls talk more than boys turns into a fifth-grade contest of no speaking, even in class. But the teachers and the principal don't like it. For grades 3-6.

Because of Winn Dixie (LP015762)

DiCamillo, Kate.

Ten-year-old India Opal and her preacher dad move to a new town in Florida during the summer. Opal is lonely until she adopts a big stray dog she names Winn-Dixie. The two soon make friends with the local librarian, the pet store manager, and a nearly-blind elderly neighbor. For grades 3-6.

The View from Saturday (LP013495)

Konigsburg, E.L.

Mrs. Olinski is hard-pressed to explain how she selected the four students who will represent the sixth grade in the Academic Bowl. But her choice of the four calling themselves "The Souls" was excellent. As the students prepare and compete, each reveals a reason for being part of the team. For grades 4-6. Newbery Award.

From the Mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (LP008596)

Konigsburg, E.L.

Claudia, feeling misunderstood at home, takes her younger brother and runs away to New York City where she sets up housekeeping in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and attempts to discover the mysterious origins of a statue. For grades 4-6.

Ingraine the Brave (LP017935)

Funke, Cordelia.

The daughter of two magicians, twelve-year-old Ingraine wants nothing more than to be a knight, and when their castle is attacked by a treacherous neighbor bent on stealing their singing magic books, Ingraine has an opportunity to demonstrate her bravery. For grades 3-6.

The Homework Machine (LP016382)

Gutman, Dan.

Fifth-grade class geek Brenton figures out how to get his computer to do his homework for him. His mistake is letting his seating group (the class clown, the teacher's pet, and a slacker) in on his secret. For grades 3-6. 2006.

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (LP017101)

Sobol, Donald J.

No problem stymies ten-year-old Encyclopedia Brown, who opens his own detective agency and solves ten new crimes. For grades 3-6.

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy (LP016379)

Birdsall, Jeanne.

This summer, the Penderwick sisters have a wonderful surprise: a holiday on the grounds of a beautiful estate called Arundel. Soon they are busy discovering the summertime magic of Arundel's sprawling gardens, treasure filled attic, tame rabbits, and the cook who makes the best gingerbread in Massachusetts. But the best discovery of all is Jeffrey Tifton, son of Arundel's owner, who quickly proves to be the perfect companion for their adventures.

Ruby Holler (LP014890)

Creech, Sharon.

"Troubled twins" Dallas and Florida are orphans who have given up believing there is such a thing as a loving home. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple who live in the beautiful, mysterious Ruby Holler, but they are restless for one more adventure. When they invite the twins to join them on their journeys, they first must all stay together in the Holler, and the magic of the place takes over.